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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Claims YES 1-32 Claims NO Inventive step (IS) Claims YES 1-32 Claims NO Industrial applicability (IA) Claims YES 1-32 NO Claims

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: MENEZES, VANSTONE, OORSCHOT: Handbook of Applied

Cryptography" 1997, CRC PRESS LLC , USA

D2: US 20030188158 A1

D3: EP 1050789 A

Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a cryptographic system using one-way functions for derivation such that comprise of a current key does not comprise earlier keys, from which the subject-matter of claims 1-32 differs in that earlier generations of keys efficiently can be derived from later ones, but not the other way around, by use of a one-way key derivation function.

D2-D3 are only showing the state of the art.

The subject-matter of claims 1-32 is therefore novel and is considered to have inventive step and industrial applicability.